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1: Day: Imprecatory Psalms and Christian Ethics

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Babylon was overshadowed by older, larger and more powerful kingdoms such as Elam , Assyria , Isin , Eshnunna and Larsa for a century or so after its founding. However his father Sin-Muballit had begun to consolidate rule of a small area of south central Mesopotamia under Babylonian hegemony and, by the time of his reign, had conquered the minor city-states of Borsippa , Kish , and Sippar. The powerful kingdom of Eshnunna controlled the upper Tigris River while Larsa controlled the river delta. To the east of Mesopotamia lay the powerful kingdom of Elam which regularly invaded and forced tribute upon the small states of southern Mesopotamia. In northern Mesopotamia, the Assyrian king Shamshi-Adad I , who had already inherited centuries old Assyrian colonies in Asia Minor , had expanded his territory into the Levant and central Mesopotamia , [6] although his untimely death would somewhat fragment his empire. Hammurabi used his power to undertake a series of public works, including heightening the city walls for defensive purposes, and expanding the temples. Eventually Hammurabi prevailed, ousting Ishme-Dagan I just before his own death. Mut-Ashkur , the new king of Assyria, was forced to pay tribute to Hammurabi. In just a few years, Hammurabi succeeded in uniting all of Mesopotamia under his rule. Louvre Museum , Paris Law code of Hammurabi, a smaller version of the original law code stele. Terracotta tablet, from Nippur, Iraq, c. The stele was later plundered by the Elamites and removed to their capital, Susa ; it was rediscovered there in Iran and is now in the Louvre Museum in Paris. The code of Hammurabi contains laws, written by scribes on 12 tablets. Unlike earlier laws, it was written in Akkadian , the daily language of Babylon, and could therefore be read by any literate person in the city. The punishments tended to be very harsh by modern standards, with many offenses resulting in death, disfigurement, or the use of the " Eye for eye, tooth for tooth " Lex Talionis "Law of Retaliation" philosophy. A carving at the top of the stele portrays Hammurabi receiving the laws from Shamash , the Babylonian god of justice, [27] and the preface states that Hammurabi was chosen by Shamash to bring the laws to the people. Wright argues that the Jewish Covenant Code is "directly, primarily, and throughout" based upon the Laws of Hammurabi. In writings from shortly after his death, Hammurabi is commemorated mainly for three achievements: I myself continued to put straight their confused minds. This song for you was composed in his reign. May he be given life forever! The stele was only partially erased and was never re-inscribed. Around the same time, native Akkadian speakers threw off Amorite Babylonian rule in the far south of Mesopotamia, creating the Sealand Dynasty , in more or less the region of ancient Sumer. Thus was Babylon quickly reduced to the small and minor state it had once been upon its founding. These articles were overwhelmingly critical of Delitzsch, though a few were sympathetic. The Kaiser distanced himself from Delitzsch and his radical views and, in fall of , Delitzsch was forced to give his third lecture in Cologne and Frankfurt am Main rather than in Berlin. Hammurabi is one of the 23 lawgivers depicted in marble bas-reliefs in the chamber of the U. House of Representatives in the United States Capitol.

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More Snow, More on Snow Well, the snow began at about 3: The upshot is that both Fanny and I have the day off, and letting the two Chihuahuas out to do their business is quite a hoot. We had to shovel a path from the door to the trampoline, which still has some earth exposed beneath it This can seem strange to us. Figuratively, snow is used as an image of relation-destroying uncleanness. Descriptively, a kind of snow-whiteness depicted the leprosy of Moses Ex 4: Nothing and no one were safe from the inflicted; house and wares were ever in danger of the infectious spread As snow-whiteness is a signifier for leprosy, leprosy is a signifier for something even more odious, human sin and depravity. The tedious attention to leprosy in the Bible points beyond the ritual to a reality. That the effect of leprosy is illuminative for sin can be seen by simply surrogating leprosy with sin in the above paragraph. Sin alienates us from God and others, leaving us with the sense of the inhuman solitude, like standing alone in a silent, snow covered prairie with no interruption in the ghastly trance of its whiteness. In striking contrast to the snow-whiteness of our defilement and corruption, we also read of the blazing holiness of the Ancient of Days, as he takes his seat for judgment: And Christ the Lord, again, standing as the priestly King amidst the seven golden lampstands. In terms of biblical geography, the mystique and almost transcendent quality of snow and its whiteness is not difficult to understand. This afternoon, Beaner came in from playing for hours in the snow with her friends. After about an hour of being back inside, she started to get a headache. The cause was obvious, those hours of looking at the blazing whiteness of the snow were more than her eyes could handle. Thanks to God, the headache is easing. Although for some of us, the snow is a more commonplace thing, for the biblical writers is provided an elevated literally, since it generally only capped surrounding mountaintops, such as in Lebanon word-picture for the holiness of God, upon which no man could gaze and live. Melville wrestled the same question that is before us: And I think there is a practical application in this. Is this not an applicable indictment for us as well? For such is our innate pride we always seem to ourselves just, and upright, and wise, and holy, until we are convinced, by clear evidence, of our injustice, vileness, folly, and impurity. Convinced, however, we are not, if we look to ourselves only, and not to the Lord alsoâ€”He being the only standard by the application of which this conviction can be produced. And since nothing appears within us or around us that is not tainted with very great impurity, so long as we keep our mind within the confines of human pollution, anything which is in some small degree less defiled, delights us as it were most pure: So long as we are content with the folly of measuring ourselves among ourselves. Using the rule of corruption 2 Cor How pathetic then is our condition. We would strain to bring order and peace to a chaotic home, yet we want nothing of Perfection. We spend millions each year on bottled water, in order to avoid impurities, yet we despise the Pure.

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Claude Hermann Walter Johns, M. The so-called "contracts," including a great variety of deeds, conveyances, bonds, receipts, accounts and, most important of all, the actual legal decisions given by the judges in the law courts, exist in thousands. Historical inscriptions, royal charters and rescripts, despatches, private letters and the general literature afford welcome supplementary information. Even grammatical and lexicographical works, intended solely to facilitate the study of ancient literature, contain many extracts or short sentences bearing on law and custom. The so-called "Sumerian Family Laws" are thus preserved. The discovery of the now celebrated Code of Hammurabi hereinafter simply termed the Code has, however, made a more systematic study possible than could have resulted from the classification and interpretation of the other material. Some fragments of a later code exist and have been published; but there still remain many points upon which we have no evidence. This material dates from the earliest times down to the commencement of our era. The evidence upon a particular point may be very full at one period and almost entirely lacking at another. The Code forms the backbone of the skeleton sketch which is here reconstructed. The greater part of It remained in force, even through the Persian, Greek and Parthian conquests, which affected private life in Babylonia very little, and it survived to influence Syro-Roman and later Mahomedan law in Mesopotamia. When the Semitic tribes settled in the cities of Babylonia, their tribal custom passed over into city law. The early history of the country is the story of a struggle for supremacy between the cities. A metropolis demanded tribute and military support from its subject cities but left their local cults and customs unaffected. The city rights and usages were respected by kings and conquerors alike. As late as the accession of Assur-bani-pal and Samas-sum-yukin we find the Babylonians appealing to their city laws that groups of aliens to the number of twenty at a time were free to enter the city, that foreign women once married to Babylonian husbands could not be enslaved and that not even a dog that entered the city could be put to death untried. The population of Babylonia was of many races from early times and intercommunication between the cities was incessant. Every city had a large number of resident aliens. This freedom of intercourse must have tended to assimilate custom. It was, however, reserved for the genius of Hammurabi to make Babylon his metropolis and weld together his vast empire by a uniform system of law. Almost all trace of tribal custom has already disappeared from the law of the Code. It is state-law; - alike self-help, blood-feud, marriage by capture, are absent; though family solidarity, district responsibility, ordeal, the lex talionis, are primitive features that remain. The king is a benevolent autocrat, easily accessible to all his subjects, both able and willing to protect the weak against the highest-placed oppressor. The royal power, however, can only pardon when private resentment is appeased. The judges are strictly supervised and appeal is allowed. There is a regular postal system. The pax Babylonica is so assured that private individuals do not hesitate to ride in their carriage from Babylon to the coast of the Mediterranean. The position of women is free and dignified. The Code did not merely embody contemporary custom or conserve ancient law. It is true that centuries of law-abiding and litigious habitude had accumulated in the temple archives of each city vast stores of precedent in ancient deeds and the records of judicial decisions, and that intercourse had assimilated city custom. The universal habit of writing and perpetual recourse to written contract even more modified primitive custom and ancient precedent. Provided the parties could agree, the Code left them free to contract as a rule. Their deed of agreement was drawn up in the temple by a notary public, and confirmed by an oath "by god and the king. The manner in which it was thus executed may have been sufficient security that its stipulations were not impious or illegal. Custom or public opinion doubtless secured that the parties would not agree to wrong. In case of dispute the judges dealt first with the contract. They might not sustain it, but if the parties did not dispute it, they were free to observe it. Many contracts contain the proviso that in case of future dispute the parties would abide by "the decision of the king.

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The Code itself was carefully and logically arranged and the order of its sections was conditioned by their subject-matter. Nevertheless the order is not that of modern scientific treatises, and a somewhat different order from both is most convenient for our purpose. The Code contemplates the whole population as falling into three classes, the amelu, the muskinu and the ardu. The amelu was a patrician, the man of family, whose birth, marriage and death were registered, of ancestral estates and full civil rights. He had aristocratic privileges and responsibilities, the right to exact retaliation for corporal injuries, and liability to heavier punishment for crimes and misdemeanours, higher fees and fines to pay. To this class belonged the king and court, the higher officials, the professions and craftsmen. The term became in time a mere courtesy title but originally carried with it standing. Already in the Code, when status is not concerned, it is used to denote "any one. It is most difficult to characterize the muskinu exactly. The term came in time to mean "a beggar" and with that meaning has passed through Aramaic and Hebrew into many modern languages; but though the Code does not regard him as necessarily poor, he may have been landless. He was free, but had to accept monetary compensation for corporal injuries, paid smaller fees and fines, even paid less offerings to the gods. He inhabited a separate quarter of the city. There is no reason to regard him as specially connected with the court, as a royal pensioner, nor as forming the bulk of the population. The rarity of any reference to him in contemporary documents makes further specification conjectural. He could acquire property and even hold other slaves. His master usually found him a slave-girl as wife the children were then born slaves, often set him up in a house with farm or business and simply took an annual rent of him. Otherwise he might marry a freewoman the children were then free, who might bring him a dowry which his master could not touch, and at his death one-half of his property passed to his master as his heir. He could acquire his freedom by purchase from his master, or might be freed and dedicated to a temple, or even adopted, when he became an amelu and not a muskinu. Slaves were recruited by purchase abroad, from captives taken in war and by freemen degraded for debt or crime. A slave often ran away; if caught, the captor was bound to restore him to his master, and the Code fixes a reward of two shekels which the owner must pay the captor. It was about one-tenth of the average value. So was an attempt to get him to leave the city. On the great estates in Assyria and its subject provinces were many serfs, mostly of subject race, settled captives, or quondam slaves, tied to the soil they cultivated and sold with the estate but capable of possessing land and property of their own. There is little trace of serfs in Babylonia, unless the muskinu be really a serf. The god of a city was originally owner of its land, which encircled it with an inner ring of irrigable arable land and an outer fringe of pasture, and the citizens were his tenants. The god and his viceregent, the king, had long ceased to disturb tenancy, and were content with fixed dues in naturalia, stock, money or service. One of the earliest monuments records the purchase by a king of a large estate for his son, paying a fair market price and adding a handsome honorarium to the many owners in costly garments, plate, and precious articles of furniture. The Code recognizes complete private ownership in land, but apparently extends the right to hold land to votaries, merchants and resident aliens? But all land was sold subject to its fixed charges. The king, however, could free land from these charges by charter, which was a frequent way of rewarding those who deserved well of the state. It is from these charters that we learn nearly all we know of the obligations that lay upon land. The state demanded men for the army and the corvee as well as dues in kind. A definite area was bound to find a bowman together with his linked pikeman who bore the shield for both and to furnish them with supplies for the campaign. This area was termed "a bow" as early as the 8th century B. Later, a horseman was due from certain areas. A man was only bound to serve so many six? The service was usually discharged by slaves and serfs, but the amelu and perhaps the muskinu went to war. The "bows" were grouped in tens and hundreds. The corvee was less regular. The letters of Hammurabi often deal with claims to exemption. Religious officials and shepherds in charge of flocks were exempt. Further, every city had its own octroi duties, customs, ferry dues, highway and water rates. The king had long ceased to be, if he ever was, owner of the land. He had his own royal estates, his private property and dues from all his subjects. The higher officials had endowments and official residences. The Code regulates the feudal position of certain classes. They could not delegate the service on pain of death. When ordered abroad they could

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nominate a son, if capable, to hold the benefice and carry on the duty. If there was no son capable, the state put in a locum tenens, but granted one-third to the wife to maintain herself and children. The benefice was inalienable, could not be sold, pledged, exchanged, sublet, devised or diminished. Other land was held of the state for rent. Ancestral estate was strictly tied to the family. If a holder would sell, the family had the right of redemption and there seems to have been no time-limit to its exercise. The temple occupied a most important position. It received from its estates, from tithes and other fixed dues, as well as from the sacrifices a customary share and other offerings of the faithful, vast amounts of all sorts of naturalia; besides money and permanent gifts. The larger temples had many officials and servants. Originally, perhaps, each town clustered round one temple, and each head of a family had a right to minister there and share its receipts. As the city grew, the right to so many days a year at one or other shrine or its "gate" descended in certain families and became a species of property which could be pledged, rented or shared within the family, but not alienated. In spite of all these demands, however, the temples became great granaries and store-houses; as they also were the city archives. The temple held its responsibilities. If a citizen was captured by the enemy and could not ransom himself the temple of his city must do so.

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All copyrights reserved by the author Beginning with the Apocalypse of St. Peter in the second century, and the closely related and highly influential Vision of St. Paul, Christian visions of the Other World developed a topography of Hell where the damned are grouped according to their sins, "bound in bundles" to be burnt Mt. In this tradition, Hell makes no exception, but is an essential part of a cosmos on which the words of Wisdom state: Apart from the diversity of punishments which results from the diversity of sins, it is mainly the specific relation between punishment and sin that constitutes the order of justice in medieval Christian Hell. We are familiar with this principle under the names "lex talionis", "retaliation", or "retribution" cf. It describes a form of punishment corresponding to the crime not only in its abstract quantitative degree, but also in its concrete quality, in terms of scholastic philosophy: *Iia-IIae*, 61, 4, resp. In its simplest form, the perpetrator has to suffer the same loss or damage which he himself has caused to another, as it used to be illustrated by the biblical formula "an eye for an eye". Particularly important for Christian descriptions of the Other World were also those variants where the material form of the punishment is only metaphorically related to the internal state of mind which had led to the sin: The New Testament prohibits retaliation as a form of human interaction cf. This belief was based on explicit statements in the Bible, and also on concrete examples in biblical history where divine justice could be seen at work. The only detailed biblical description of retribution in Hell is the tale about the beggar Lazarus and the rich man in Hell. Christian exegesis relished to elaborate on the correspondances between his earlier state of abundance and his posterior state of indigence, between the crumbs of bread which he had denied to the beggar and the drop of water which he himself will now be denied forever. And the prominent sufferings of his tongue -- from the thirst caused by the fire of hell -- were explained as a retribution not only for his wasteful abuse of food, but also for his abuse of speech, because, according to the Christian fathers, sumptuous feasting necessarily goes along with idle talk cf. Apart from this direct representation of divine justice in Hell, there were also numerous biblical examples of malactors which illustrated already in This World by the form of their death or punishment the logic of divine retribution: Another example of this kind, less obvious as a case of divine retribution, yett particularly important in this sense for medieval tradition, was the death of Judas traitor of Christ. In the following I want to introduce first the medieval understanding of this death as a punishment, and will then demonstrate how, in some cases, it has informed medieval representations of the punishments in Hell. Knox , Leclercq , Hugg , Halas , Benoit According to the Gospel of Matthew, Judas, when he saw that Jesus would be condemned, repented his betrayal and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. When he was rejected by them, he threw the money down in the temple, went away and hanged himself with a noose, "recessit et abiens laqueo se suspendit" Mt. A second account is given by Petrus in the Acts of the Apostles, when the remaining apostles and disciples gather to elect a successor for Judas, and when Petrus refers to the way in which Judas had died Act 1: The Vulgate translates his words: Nevertheless, for patristic and medieval tradition the two biblical accounts did not contradict each other, but completed each other, and for this tradition Judas died hanging from a rope, with his body bursting open and his inner organs gushing out. Apart from these biblical accounts, there is also the apocryphal account of Papias of Hierapolis, allegedly a disciple of St. His account PG t,5, col. DAV I , p. The earliest and briefest form tells: Given that the account of Papias seems to have had no impact on Latin tradition, I will spare you the details which Greek tradition added by describing the swelling of the various parts of this body and the stench which it is said to have produced. He also found a fitting place for his death, for he who had delivered the master of men and angels to death and therefore was hateful both to the heavens and the earth, died in in the middle of the air, to be associated with the spirits of the air, following the example of Achitophel and Absalom who had persecuted David. Fitting

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was also the way in which his death arrived, because the viscera which had conceived the crime of treachery burst and fell down to fly in the empty air. It was a punishment very similar to the death to which also Arius is said to have been condemned: Judas had conspired against the human nature of Christ, whereas Arius had tried to extinguish His divine nature, and so both who had lived void of sense also died with an empty belly. *Dignam sibi poenam traditor amens invenit, ut videlicet guttur quo vox proditionis exierat laquei nodus necaret. Dignum etiam locum interitus quaesivit, ut qui hominum angelorumque Dominum morti tradiderat coelo terraeque perosus, quasi aeris tantummodo spiritibus sociandus cf. Cui utique satis digno exitu mors ipsa successit, ut viscera quae dolum proditionis conceperant rupta caderent, et vacuas evolverentur in auras. Cujus simillima poenae mors Arium haeresiarcham damnasse refertur, ut quia ille humanitatem Christi, iste divinitatem exstinguere moliebatur, ambo sicut sensu inanes vixerant, sic quoque ventre vacui perirent.* The throat strangled by the noose is interpreted by Bede as the organ of the treacherous voice, which had betrayed his master. But we may ask: A 4 of 19 <http://www.bede.org.uk/>: The model for this punishment and death "obliiso To Bede, the effusion of the inner organs offers an opportunity to point out a typological parallel with the heretic Arius in the early history of the Church. In the tradition of Eusebius, Arius, too, was said to have died from a sudden effusion of his inner organs, an effusion which according to this tradition occurred when Arius relieved nature cf. Bede takes up not only this moral interpretation, transferring it also to Judas himself, but also explains the similarity of their deaths with regard to a more specific similarity of their crimes: In both cases he interpretes the viscera as the organs which had bred the sinful conspiracy, in the case of Judas a conspiracy against the human person of Christ, and in the case of Arius a conspiracy against the divine person, because Arius in his teachings had denied the divinity of Christ. He had already earlier departed himself from Christ, and had hanged himself with the noose of avarice. But what earlier he had done only in secret, his death now notified publicly to the world. The quality of the exterior punishment disclosed the nature of his sin, for man shall be punished by the same by which he had sinned. Being hanged, he burst open in the middle: *Jam quidem diu quod a Christo abierat, et avaritiae laqueo se suspenderat: Exterioris poenae qualitas supplicii modum aperuit; quia per quae peccaverit homo, per haec et punietur. Crepuit ergo vas contumeliae, quia non erat de vasis figuli, in sepultura peregrinorum sortem non habuit, sed velut testa crepitans per inane dissiliit. Pecunia viscera sunt avari; illa diffunduntur et perduntur, sed viri misericordiae colliguntur.* Still another, quasi-realistic explanation for the bursting of the Judas body came up in the 12th century, where it seems to make its first appearance in the *Glossa ordinaria* PL t. Medieval passion plays expanded this idea and by introducing the personification of Despair and some assisting devils who discuss the problem at length and then help with their knives to open the body and tear out the poor soul, usually a doll or for better effect a living animal like a chicken, which they then jubilantly usher to Hell. The term is interpreted at some length also in a metrical poem on the life of Judas, where we read: Thus he bursts in the middle, and death strikes his entrails, since he had despised the one who was standing in the middle and mediating [i. Unlucky Judas fell, felled by the sin of the odious throat; may all traitors perish like him. For this point Bede adopts another, very widespread typological parallel in the Old Testaments, by paralleling the death of Judas with the death of Achitophel and Absalom cf. When he realized that the rebellion would fail, he returned to the house of his fathers and hanged himself. The counsellor conspiring against his king, and the son conspiring against his father, were both regarded as prefigurations of Judas the traitor of Christ, of the new David, in a long exegetical tradition which explored the similarities of their sins and of their deaths. The Bible does not specify whether Judas hanged himself on a tree or in a building, but figurative arts most often represented him as hanging from a tree, and popular traditions identified this tree with various families of trees. Although usually not being discussed in exegetical writings, the Judas tree nevertheless had a certain importance for the understanding of his death as a retribution. We find this expressed in figural arts, where 7 of 19 <http://www.bede.org.uk/>: John and by Longinus. The sense of this parallel arrangement of the traitor and of his victim is obvious: Both the crime and the punishment took place in This World, and it was Judas himself who chose the mode of his death, but in doing so he nevertheless fulfilled a providential plan, and chose a punishment which had been foreseen by

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divine justice with regard to the nature of his crime. A late, but impressive example can be found on the frescoes in the Cathedral of San Gimignano, in the Inferno painted by Taddeo di Bartolo in One of these sinners, almost reduced to a skeleton, is hanging from a rope and carries a huge sack with goods on his shoulders which adds to the weight of his body and by consequence increases the pain which he suffers from the noose around his throat. Two demons at his sides are mockingly holding huge ladles in front of his face, filled with a glowing? Below him on the right a sinner is bound to a post, and in addition to the omnipresent fire of Hell which tortures him and his companions, he is also stabbed by a demon into his heart. On the left side a third sinner labelled "AVARO" is strangled by two demons who are pulling the two ends of a rope slung around his neck, a rope which seems connected with the strap of a purse held by one of 8 of 19 http: In other Visions of Hell there sometimes occurs the motif that the avaricious have to eat coins which have been made red-hot in the fire of Hell cf. With the exception of the person stabbed into the heart, all the avaricious in this section suffer variations of a punishment which affects their throat or mouth, and which especially in the case of hanging and strangling is or comes close to being reminiscent of the Judas death. I will chose only two examples here. Dante meets the usurers as a group apart Inf. Their faces, burnt by the fire, are unrecognizable for Dante- pilgrim, but each one of them has a purse hanging on his neck on which the heraldic symbol of his family is represented and on which the eyes of the usurer are greedily fixed. But it characterizes them as Judas-like sinners and illustrates how their sinful preoccupations persist in Hell. Yet a more elaborate parallel with the death of Judas occurs in the next circle, the circle of simple fraud as opposed to treachery Inf. In the ninth ditch of this circle Dante-pilgrim encounters the "seminator di scandalo e di scisma" v. These inner organs are more specifically the bowels "le minugia" v. It is strange that apart from Giulio Marzot Marzot , p. Hill Hill , p. For Christian typological exegesis, Judas was a representant of the unbelieving Jews, on the one hand, and a prefiguration of future Christian heretics like Arius, on the other. Mohammed, too, was seen by medieal Christians as a heretic, a continuator both of Jewish and of Christian heresies, who had adopted and further distorted from his Jewish and heretical teachers elements of biblical doctrine. Heresy is not the only crime punished in Mohammed, because otherwise Dante would have given him more favourable treatment and would have presented him in the sixth circle together with the heretics in their red-hot coffins, not in the deeper circle of fraud together with sowers of political and domestic discord. While Judas had sinned against the human person of Christ, Mohammed, like Arius, had denied the divinity of Christ and had sinned also against the mystical body of Christ, the Church. Particularly rich is the commentary of Benvenuto da Imola ed. Lacaïta , II, p. Because Bernard had compared the dying Judas to a bursting "uter", a skin for wine or oil, and metaphorically an inflated person full of nothing. But instead of analysing this highly complex composition where Old and New Testament are related with each other in the opening and the closing episode of this canto, I will rather proceed with my survey by addressing now the question of how the death of Judas did inform medieval representations of his own punishment in Hell. But Judas is an exception from this rule. There are several works in figural arts which represent him hanging in, or at the margins of, sceneries of Hell and Last Judgement, sometimes in a prominent position which makes it clear that this association of the mode of his death with the Other World was not an occasional lapsus on the part of the artist. One example is the tympanum of the central West porch of the cathedral of Freiburg Schiller , p. The tree from which Judas is hanging extends its branches over the whole scenery of Hell and seems to be an infernal counterpart to the tree of life or to the cross, that is, a tree of eternal death. A similar relief at the cathedral of Freiburg links the death of Judas with the scenery of the Last Judgement Schiller , p. Another example can be found on the mosaics of the cupola of the Baptistery of San Giovanni in Florence Cassell , tab. These Florentine mosaics from the late 13th century were most influential for the representations of Hell and Last Judgement by other Tuscan artists and are supposed to have influenced also Dante.

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Hey, did you take psych classes with kermey Thanks for violating your scripture with " Only God knows the heart I though all had sinned and fallen short Oh, and I love the "alternative lifestyle" reference. You must be a white, conservative evangelical! Remember, devy, those that hate ho. And now, devy, I " now Devy, would you be my savior? I am, however, grateful for your words. You are, indeed, a good American Christian. YOU know nothing of the Gospel, but you do live the Americanized Gospel very well. Again, devy poo, thanks for playing. July 12, at 5: He never came into existence. He has existed eternally in the past. For all you know, the universe has always existed. Try showing this "god" exists, and maybe you can speculate on where he came from. It appears that your god exists only in your imagination. July 13, at 8: Such an apologetical sense of humor! You should take up where Mike Warnke left off. July 12, at 2: But there is just one thing that really has me stymied. Given that it was in fact "clever", how is it that you were able to pick up on it? You know, it being clever and all. July 12, at 3: Perhaps a relative or personal friend? Such a "higher" morality, eh dev? Thanks for always setting the standard for what a "witness for Christ" looks like. I simply recognized it for the silly subterfuge it was. Jesus Himself was rather caustic with those individuals who were completely lacking in sincerity. Sarcasm and biting retort come too naturally for me. You should re-read the Gospels It would be you, dala, topher and all your friends who would crucify him if he were doing the Gospel thing today. White washed tomb looks good on you, dev. Your worldview is the mastery, the very perfection of guilt. It is a warm, cozy sweater in the winter of this evil world for you. You look all cozy, dev. July 12, at 4: LOL July 12, at 4: Or maybe it was an overbearing SS teacher or Christian school leader who just rubbed him no Catholic priest inuendo here the wrong way. It could have been that the child was rather bright and from an early age picked up on the foibles and inconsistencies of those christians who surrounded him. But then again, maybe it was an act of rebellion in response to the non acceptance of his chosen "alternative" lifestyle. Any of these work for you? Did I hit the nail on the head with one or all? Are you this child? Obviously, someone has wounded you deeply. The level of vitriol, disguised in humor and parody, that flows from your fingers is both sad and unfortunate in its desperation. You know the lingo, you know the gospel, probably have "been in with the crowd" at some point in your life, and yet without true regeneration. And now you have nowhere else to go. Now squeey, you are more than welcome to continue spinning the martyr complex and the " big, bad, mean, hypocritical, non-loving, unlike Jesus, " mantra until the cows come home. Of course you and I both know that is simply deflection. And the irony is, the more you employ it, the more glaring the deflection becomes. In all seriousness if seriousness is an option you would even consider in this conversation I would be interested in knowing what life experiences have brought you to this position of militant antagonism towards christianity, specifically American christianity which seems to be a real source of angst. No chastising, judgement or criticism on my part, honest engine. July 12, at 8: People imagine a "god", then claim god made them July 12, at 9: Very few believe in the literal bible. None of that is objective evidence. July 11, at When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die. July 11, at 9: He does not want to destroy you, but you must repent. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: You must have missed the point of my reply. Furthermore, it seems silly that you quote more of Paul as if that validates what we know about Paul.

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Should capital punishment be scrapped from the statute? God alone can take life because He alone gives it. It stands for everything that mankind must reject. According to Justice P. Its psychological effect on the prisoner in the Death Row is disastrous. It cannot be recalled. Even if any mistake is subsequently discovered it will be of no consequence because the executed person cannot be brought back to life. That makes miscarriage of justice irrevocable. That is why, Lafayette said: There are cases where it has been possible to show from the facts and evidence subsequently discovered that the convictions were erroneous and innocent persons were put to death. Howsoever careful the judicial process may be, it is impossible to eliminate the chance of judicial error. Investigations are crude and archaic. Convictions are based on oral evidence. Witnesses are generally tutored. Often they perjure themselves. Where is the guarantee, therefore, that the evidence relied upon is truthful? In this scenario, one can still hope that a person undergoing the sentence of imprisonment may get some relief if subsequent to his conviction and sentence it is found that he was innocent but the capital sentence cases stand on a different footing. Mahatma Gandhi emphasised the difference when he said: I think there is a difference not merely in quantity but also in quality. I can recall the punishment of detention. I can make reparation to the man upon whom I inflict corporal punishment. The justification for the retention of death penalty in general is the deterrent effect of the capital punishment. There is no evidence to support this justification. The enormous increase in homicide crime rate reflects upon the futility of death penalty. There is so far no scientific demonstration to substantiate the claim that it has a deterrent effect superior to life imprisonment. I reject the notion that the death penalty has any essential deterrent effect on potential offenders. In the international sphere, it is increasingly recognised that the death penalty has no place in a democratic and civilised society. The adoption in of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty was a clear recognition by the international community of the need to eliminate the use of capital punishment, totally and globally. The emergent international consensus against the death penalty has been reflected in recent international instruments. The statute for the International Criminal Court , the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia have all deliberately excluded the death penalty as an option. These international standards have corresponded with significant developments in national practice. A large number of states as on January have abolished the death penalty. The list of abolitionist states is expected to grow even further. The European Union Members have also decided to abolish death penalty under their national laws. India has complied with the international consensus by ratifying international human rights instruments such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, but has not followed with abolishing the death penalty as so many other nations have done. Nothing within the power of man can undo this process of putting an end to life. Death penalty is a power given to a judge, a man like all of us, to grant or deny permission to a human being to be alive. This power is something which disturbs a sensitive mind because to justify death sentence is to accept that there comes a stage in a human being where we can conclude that this man is now beyond repair, beyond learning, beyond transformation or reformation, beyond the hope of doing anything which will be of any use to any member of society. Yet, I have never come across a man condemned to death who is so forsaken that his mother, children and friends do not come to meet him and feel nothing for him. How can we erase from our consciousness the story of Balmiki and Aungulimar, who remind us of one of the supreme lessons of human nature that it is possible to change a murderous man to a saint? This possibility is real and is always available. The argument, often posed by judges is: By taking away the life of a convict, we also rob the victim of ever coming to terms with the irreparable loss of a loving being. By insisting on life for a life, like an eye for an eye, we deny within

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ourselves that inexhaustible source of compassion, which has the power of transformation for both the victim and the killer. A child whose mother has been killed or deprived of his father can only be healed by more compassionate members of society. He is unlikely to be consoled that his loss of father is evenly balanced by a great judge by depriving another child of his father. Do we not see the stupidity of this passion? An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind. Death sentence is a passion for revenge, which is primitive, a memory that reminds us of a violent past, when beyond survival we had no other heritage and no other value. When world was simple and divided between enemy or friend, member of tribe or outsider, black or white. If death sentence is justified on the premise that some human beings are so wicked, beyond redemption and are capable of so much evil that their very existence is a danger to other members of society, still to find out the truth and to determine who are such evil incarnations is a challenge to the best of legal systems. Even advanced systems with better resources are liable to catch the wrong man whose innocence is established years later, after life is over. How to get over the danger that innocent people will be executed because of errors in the criminal justice system? Brennan Jr, as far back as , said: In our country it is worse. In our country, the comparable research is yet to commence. According to the report, a total of 69 people have been released from death row since after evidence of their innocence emerged. Twenty-one condemned inmates have been released since , including seven from the State of Illinois alone. Many of these cases were discovered not because of the normal appeals process, but rather as a result of new scientific techniques, investigations by journalists, and the dedicated work of expert attorneys, not available to the typical death row inmate. This report tells the stories of people like Rolando Cruz, released after 10 years on Illinois death row, though another man had confessed to the crime shortly after his conviction. The risk that innocent people will be caught in the web of the death penalty is rising. The current emphasis on faster executions, less resources for the defense, and an expansion in the number of death cases means that the execution of innocent people is inevitable. He is convicted for conspiracy when there is no other conspirator. The only evidence against him is a confession in police custody which he retracted at the first opportunity when he was presented before the judge. The confessional statement is thumb marked when he is an engineer. None of the witnesses in trial recognised him. The presiding judge finds him innocent. He was never the suspect. He was arrested under the Passport Act and later a case is built on his confession. And he is sentenced to death! Eshwar Anand EVEN as the demand for the abolition of capital punishment is becoming loud and forceful day by day in India and abroad, it would be worthwhile to examine the issue in a dispassionate manner. Historically, capital punishment is associated with lex talionis an eye for an eye retribution that involves punishment in kind. From the lex talionis perspective, one of the most earliest written statements of capital punishment is from the 18th century BCE Babylonian Law of Hammurabi: If it kills the son of the owner, then the son of the builder shall be put to death. However, these arguments are weak and flawed. There is no reason why capital punishment should not be retained in the country as the Supreme Court has time and again reiterated that death sentence should be given only in rarest of the rare cases. If some countries have abolished it, why should India follow suit? In fact, the reasons that prompted the need for capital punishment two centuries ago seem as relevant today as earlier. Political scientists and philosophers like John Stuart Mill and John Locke are strong protagonists of capital punishment. One of the foremost representatives of utilitarian thought and the most influential of the 19th century liberals, Mill held the view that if a person does not show regard for human life and commits an act depriving one of his right to life, he forfeits it for himself. Mill, of course, called for utmost judicial circumspection while awarding the death sentence. He felt that the impossibility of correcting an error once committed by a judge renders the courts of justice to be more scrupulous in requiring the fullest evidence of guilt. He made it clear that the judges will have to be more careful in forming their opinion and scrutiny of the evidence. He argued, for instance, that a person forfeits his rights when committing even minor crimes. Once rights are forfeited, Locke justifies punishment for two reasons. First, from the retributive side, criminals deserve punishment. And secondly, from the utilitarian side, punishment is needed to protect society by deterring crime through example. Though modern society abhors death sentence, capital punishment is

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needed in the case of terrorists and anti-social elements like rapists. The annals of Indian history show that certain eras were called the Golden Age because people enjoyed a secure and peaceful life, as punishment was very severe even for small crimes. During the British rule too, laws were quite severe. However, in the post-Independent India, in the name of human rights, criminals indulging in inhuman destruction of life and property are shown much leniency. Clearly, the laws of the land and the judges interpreting the laws should not be sympathetic to those who conspire to betray the country. But then, two problems continue to remain, especially in the Indian context. One is the possibility of justice being miscarried either in the face of immense social pressures for conviction or even because of judicial discretion, implying that whether a person is to be hanged or not depends considerably on the views of a particular judge. Surely, criminals deserve to be punished in proportion to the extent and severity of their crimes. No, capital punishment should not be abolished. It does serve as a strong deterrent. Deputy Prime Minister L. Like many others in the party, he talks of the possibility of a long-term tie-up with the SP.

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Eye for an eye Save "Only one eye for one eye"[1], also known as "An eye for an eye" or "A tooth for a tooth", or the law of retaliation, is the principle that a person who has injured another person is to be penalized to a similar degree, and the person inflicting such punishment should be the injured party. In softer interpretations, it means the victim receives the [estimated] value of the injury in compensation. The English word talion from the Latin talio[3] means a retaliation authorized by law, in which the punishment corresponds in kind and degree to the injury. Definition and methods The term lex talionis does not always and only refer to literal eye-for-an-eye codes of justice see rather mirror punishment but applies to the broader class of legal systems that specify formulate penalties for specific crimes, which are thought to be fitting in their severity. Some propose that this was at least in part intended to prevent excessive punishment at the hands of either an avenging private party or the state. Legal codes following the principle of lex talionis have one thing in common: In the famous legal code written by Hammurabi , the principle of exact reciprocity is very clearly used. For example, if a person caused the death of another person, the killer would be put to death. In that case, the rule was that punishment must be exactly equal to the crime. Conversely, the twelve tables of Rome merely prescribed particular penalties for particular crimes. The Anglo-Saxon legal code substituted payment of wergild for direct retribution: Under the British Common Law, successful plaintiffs were entitled to repayment equal to their loss in monetary terms. In the modern tort law system, this has been extended to translate non-economic losses into money as well. The meaning of the principle Eye for an Eye is that a person who has been injured by another person returns the offending action to the originator in compensation, or that an authority does so on behalf of the injured person. The exact Latin lex talionis to English translation of this phrase is "The law of retaliation. Antecedents Various ideas regarding the origins of lex talionis exist, but a common one is that it developed as early civilizations grew and a less well-established system for retribution of wrongs, feuds and vendettas , threatened the social fabric. Despite having been replaced with newer modes of legal theory, lex talionis systems served a critical purpose in the development of social systemsâ€”the establishment of a body whose purpose was to enact the retaliation and ensure that this was the only punishment. This body was the state in one of its earliest forms. The principle is found in Babylonian Law. The retribution might be worse than the crime, perhaps even death. Babylonian law put a limit on such actions, restricting the retribution to be no worse than the crime, as long as victim and offender occupied the same status in society. Roman law moved toward monetary compensation as a substitute for vengeance. In the Hebrew Law, the "eye for eye" was to restrict compensation to the value of the loss. Just as another person has received injury from him, so it will be given to him. Since the Torah requires that penalties be universally applicable, the phrase cannot be interpreted in this manner. The Oral Law explains, based upon the biblical verses, that the Bible mandates a sophisticated five-part monetary form of compensation, consisting of payment for "Damages, Pain, Medical Expenses, Incapacitation, and Mental Anguish" â€” which underlies many modern legal codes. Some rabbinic literature explains, moreover, that the expression, "An eye for an eye, etc. The Torah requires the court to "do to him as he had conspired to do to his brother". Otherwise, the offenders receive lashes. There is one case where the Torah states "â€”and you shall cut off her handâ€”"[20] The sages of the Talmud understood the literal meaning of this verse as referring to a case where the woman is attacking a man in potentially lethal manner. This verse teaches that, although one must intervene to save the victim, one may not kill a lethal attacker if it is possible to neutralize that attacker through non-lethal injury. In such cases, the court requires the guilty party to flee to a designated city of refuge. While the guilty party is there, the "redeemer of blood" may not kill him. If, however, the guilty party illegally forgoes his exile, the "redeemer of blood", as an accessory of the court, may kill the guilty party.

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Nevertheless, the provision of the "redeemer of blood" does not serve as true reciprocal justice, because the redeemer only acts to penalize a negligent killer who forgoes his exile. Furthermore, intentional killing does not parallel negligent killing and thus cannot serve directly as a reciprocal punishment for manslaughter, but as a penalty for escaping punishment. The latter condition is also applicable for any capital punishment. These circumstances have not existed for approximately 2, years. Regarding reciprocal justice by court, however, the Torah states that punishments serve to remove dangerous elements from society "and you shall eliminate the evil from your midst"[17] and to deter potential criminals from violating the law "And the rest shall hear and be daunted, and they shall no longer commit anything like this evil deed in your midst"[25]. Additionally, reciprocal justice in tort cases serves to compensate the victim see above. The Torah makes no distinction between whether the potential object of hatred or a grudge has been brought to justice, and all people are taught to love their fellow Israelites. On the other hand, the slave would probably be put to death for the injury of the eye of the slave-owner. In this context, the reciprocal justice in an ideal functioning setting, according to Michael Coogan, "to prevent people from taking the law into their own hands and exacting disproportionate vengeance for offenses committed against them. You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. According to Robinson, some have pointed to this passage as evidence of the vengeful nature of justice in the Hebrew Bible. Lewis points to Lamech , Gideon and Samson as Biblical heroes who were renowned for "their prowess in executing blood revenge upon their public and private enemies. But whoever overlooks from his brother anything, then there should be a suitable follow-up and payment to him with good conduct. This is an alleviation from your Lord and a mercy. But whoever transgresses after that will have a painful punishment. Those who do not judge according to what God has revealed are doing grave wrong. Notable criticism Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Fall Of Babylon Article contributed by www. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And the facts that the angel has great power and that the earth is lighted with the glory of the angel lead to the conclusion that the angel is delegated to do a great work on behalf of God. The announcement by the angel given in verses 2 and 3 declares that Babylon the great is fallen. There are a number of reasons for believing that chapter 18 is a subsequent event, though described in similar terms. The woman who is destroyed in chapter 17 is made desolate, naked, and burned with fire by the beast with the ten horns. From this it may be concluded that the destruction of the harlot in chapter 17 is the fall of Babylon in its ecclesiastical or religious sense and that it probably occurs when the beast assumes the role of God at the beginning of the great tribulation. The world church is destroyed in favor of a world religion honoring the political dictator, the beast out of the sea of chapter 17. In chapter 18, the context seems to indicate that Babylon here is viewed in its political and economic character rather than in its religious aspect. Out of ancient Babylon also came the political power represented in Nebuchadnezzar and fulfilled in the first world empire. In some sense this is continued in the commercial system which came from both the religious and the political Babylons. It seems that chapter 17 deals with the religious aspect and chapter 18 with the political and economic aspects of Babylon. According to verse 9 the kings of the earth as well as the merchants will mourn the passing of the Babylon of chapter 17. There is apparently no mourning connected with the destruction of the woman in chapter 17. The destruction of Babylon in chapter 18 should be compared with the preceding announcement in chapter 17. This event comes late in the great tribulation, just prior to the second coming of Christ, in contrast to the destruction of the harlot of chapter 17 which seems to precede the great tribulation and paves the way for the worship of the beast. The downfall of the city of Babylon in chapter 18 is described in threefold terms. The threefold description of the inhabitants of fallen Babylon is a reference to fallen angels in their various characteristics as demons and evil spirits, symbolized by the bird cf. This abandonment of destroyed Babylon to demons is a divine judgment stemming from the utter wickedness of its inhabitants described in verse 3. Just as the church had grown rich in proportion as it had been wicked, so the nations have likewise prospered, as they have abandoned God and sought to accumulate wealth of this world. The wealth originally collected through the influence of the apostate church is taken over by the political system in the great tribulation which with universal political power is able to exploit to the full its accumulation of wealth. A Call to Separation from Babylon For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. As John contemplates the announcement of the fall of Babylon, he hears another voice from heaven addressed to the people of God instructing them to come out of Babylon. In a similar way the people of God were urged to leave Babylon in ancient days Jer. The reference to plagues refers to the vials of chapter 16, especially the seventh vial which falls upon Babylon itself. This is further evidence that the event of chapter 18 is subsequent to the seventh vial and therefore in contrast to the destruction of the harlot in chapter 17. In verse 5 the sins of Babylon are declared to reach to the heavens with the result that God remembers, that is, judges her iniquities cf. The fact that her sins have reached Gr. The Indictment Against Babylon How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliriously, so much torment and sorrow give her: Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: In keeping with the enormity of her sin, the voice from heaven now calls on God to reward Babylon even as she rewarded the people of God. There is no mercy for the utter apostasy found in Babylon in all her phases of operation. The same verb is used in chapter 17. The same law of retribution is indicated in verse 7 where the standard of her judgment is compared to her luxurious living in

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which she was given to self-glorification. Her vaunted strength is as nothing compared to the power of God. Like the church at Laodicea, her wealth has brought a sense of false security 3: Her claim to not being a widow has only the faulty foundation of her illicit love affairs with the kings of the earth. The fact that her judgment comes in one day, emphasized in the Greek by being placed first in the sentence, is reminiscent of the fall of Babylon in Daniel 5, which fell in the same hour that the finger traced its condemning words upon the wall. Before morning, the ancient power of Babylon has been destroyed. In a similar way, the rich fool of Luke. The Lament of the Kings of the Earth. The destruction of Babylon in its political and economic aspects described in the preceding verses is now the subject of a lament by the kings of the earth. These kings are a wider designation than the ten kings of. Here there is lament over the destruction of that which remained. The time is the second coming of Christ at the end of the great tribulation. The very kings who participated in the wickedness and wealth of Babylon now mourn her passing, symbolized in the burning of the capital city. The lament of the kings over Babylon is most emphatic in the Greek by the repetition of the article: In spite of its greatness and strength Gr. Some believe that ancient Babylon is to be rebuilt as the capital of the world empire in the great tribulation period and that Babylon in this chapter refers to ancient Babylon rather than to Rome. According to Isaiah. This seems also the teaching of Jeremiah. It is argued that ancient Babylon as a city was not destroyed for hundreds of years after the fall of the empire and therefore these prophecies have not been literally fulfilled. The destruction of Babylon according to Jeremiah. This is confirmed by Revelation. As far as the physical city of Babylon was concerned, this was not true of ancient Babylon as it continued for many years after its political downfall. Further, it is pointed out that the prophecy of Isaiah. Others identify Babylon as Rome, the seat of the apostate church as described by the seven mountains of. It is also conceivable that Rome might be the capital in the first half of the last seven years and Babylon in the second halfâ€”in the world empire phase. Haldeman holds that Babylon will be rebuilt. The city of Babylon politically therefore is now destroyed historically. The power and religious character of Babylon are destroyed at the second coming. The ultimate decision depends upon the judgment of the expositor, but in many respects it is simpler to postulate a rebuilt Babylon as fulfilling literally the Old Testament prophecies as well as that embodied in this chapter. Regardless of location, the burning of the city is a symbol of the fall of its political and economic might, and the kings of the earth marvel at the destruction of the seemingly infinite power of the capital of the world empire. The twofold lament involved in the words bewail and lament indicates to vocally lament bewail and to beat the breast lament, Gr. Their mourning is also characterized by fear lest they have the same judgment which has overcome the city, and for this reason they stand afar off. How sad is the hour of judgment when it is too late for mercy. The Lament of the Merchants of the Earth. The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyme wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had snips in the sea by reason of her costliness! The economic character of the city of Babylon is indicated in the fact that the merchants also weep and mourn for her. Their grief is occasioned by the loss of their trade with the city. The rich and varied character of the merchandise is itemized in verses 12 and 13, beginning with precious stones and costly metals characteristic of wealth and luxury. Next in order are the fine fabrics used in their clothing, composed of fine linen and silk

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in the luxurious colors of purple and scarlet. Precious stones, versatile metals, and fine fabrics which constituted the wealth of the ancient world are here itemized as the treasure of Babylon in the hour of her destruction. The luxury of their apparel is matched by the rich furnishings of their homes including articles of thyine and other precious wood, ivory, brass, iron, and marble. Thyine was a fragrant wood corresponding to cypress and was used for expensive furniture in Roman times along with other precious materials. The use of vessels made of ivory, brass, iron, and marble as well as precious wood was symbolic of the luxury and wealth of Babylon before its destruction. In verse 13 expensive perfumes and spices are mentioned, such as cinnamon, unspecified odors Gr. The last luxury item to be listed is frankincense. All of these could be afforded only by the wealthy. Next is mentioned the abundance of foods, such as wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, and sheep. The word beasts Gr. Verse 13 closes with reference to the means of transportation employed by the wealthy, namely, horses and chariots, and finally, the slaves they possessed in body and soul. The combined picture is one of complete abandonment to the wealth of this world and total disregard of God who gave it. Like the kings of the earth who stood afar off and watched the ascending smoke of the burning of Babylon, so the merchants also shall fear to go near the city. All the great riches of the city, described again as fine linen, purple and scarlet, gold, precious stones, and pearls, are brought to nothing. Those in ships, apparently standing off from shore on the sea, witness the scene and join in the mourning as they see the smoke of the city ascending. Their mourning is not for the city, however, but because their wealth derived from trade in shipping is now at an end. Christ warned against coveting the wealth of this world when He said, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also Matt. In contrast to the transitory wealth and glory of this world, which are here consumed by a great judgment from God, are the true riches of faith, devotion, and service for God laid up in heaven beyond the destructive hands of man and protected by the righteous power of God.

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"An eye for an eye", or the law of retaliation, is the principle that a person who has injured another person is to be penalized to a similar degree, or in softer interpretations, the victim receives the [estimated] value of the injury in compensation.

Attributed to Julius Caesar. An argumentum ab inconvenienti is one based on the difficulties involved in pursuing a line of reasoning, and is thus a form of appeal to consequences. The phrase refers to the legal principle that an argument from inconvenience has great weight. Incunabula is commonly used in English to refer to the earliest stage or origin of something, and especially to copies of books that predate the spread of the printing press circa AD. In literature, it refers to a story told from the beginning rather than "in medias res" "from the middle". In law, it refers to a thing being true from its beginning or from the instant of the act, rather than from when the court declared it so. An annulment is a judicial declaration of the invalidity or nullity of a marriage ab initio; i. In science, the phrase refers to the first principles. In other contexts, it often refers to beginner or training courses. The form irato is masculine; however, this does not limit the application of the phrase to men: It is the source of the word aboriginal. Means "from beginning to end", based on the Roman main meal typically beginning with an egg dish and ending with fruit; cf. Thus, ab ovo means "from the beginning", and can connote thoroughness. Also rendered absit iniuria verbis "let injury be absent from these words". Contrast with absit invidia. Contrast it with absit iniuria verbis. Expresses the wish that something seemingly ill-boding does not turn out to be an omen for future events, and calls on Divine protection against evil. Te absolvo or absolvo te, translated, "I forgive you", said by Roman Catholic priests during the Sacrament of Confession, in Latin prior to the Second Vatican Council and in vernacular thereafter. Refers to situations where a single example or observation indicates a general or universal truth. Visible in the court of the character King Silas in the American television series Kings. It was used as a referential year in ancient Rome from which subsequent years were calculated, prior to being replaced by other dating conventions. Also anno urbis conditae a.

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